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Is Spring coming?

With spring only weeks away, two Canada geese look for something to eat during a winter that seems to have lasted for eons. The guys didn't fly south for the winter, but stayed on the shores of the Niagara River. Like humans, geese don't always get the chance to fly south for the winter.

Photo by Bruce Culp

Students foresee threat to careers

By JENNIFER HUGGINS
Staff Writer

Niagara social service students are banding together to oppose a proposal which would exclude them from practising their profession in Ontario.

The legislation which was proposed to provide protection for the clients of social workers makes no mention of clients and states that only graduates with a university degree in social work may counsel, Lynn Bird, an instructor in the program, said.

The legislation was drafted by a group of social workers with degrees, the Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers. Mrs. Bird said they are only looking out for themselves and the legislation should also include college diploma level students.

"Our grads are more than competent to go out and do the work on the frontlines of our community," Mrs. Bird said. "I think doors should be open, not this elitist nonsense."

Just about all the 75 first and second-year students are involving themselves in the process to make the public aware of this legislation. They would welcome the support of Niagara students.

To raise money to attend a rally at Queen's Park in Toronto, they will hold a bake sale March 12 in front of the SAC office. Even though they have just begun, Richard Wensink, a first-year student, said they are working on student reaction through fundraising, getting in touch with other colleges, providing public awareness and organizing government liaison.

First-year student Mark Jarrett said the students are not against leglislation controlling who practises social work. "We just want to be part of the legislation."

Goldie Hill, program coordinator, said that even though she is a member of the OAPSW, she doesn't support their action.

"My prime concern is that it doesn't really focus on protection

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No News next week

The Niagara News will not be published next week. Publication will be resumed on Friday, March 16, 1990. It is hoped the delay in publication will not inconvenience our readers.

Tickets still available

There are still tickets available for the second annual Seafood Extravaganza March 9 at the Victoria Park Restaurant overlooking Niagara Falls.

Time is running out. If students wish to purchase tickets, they should do so soon, Esther Dockman, secretary at the foundation office, said. "We have sold over half of the tickets already. There's still time to get some."

Whole lobsters, snow crab, scallops, squid and crayfish are among the delicacies to be served at the all-you-can-eat smorgasbord.

Tickets cost $75, of which $60 is tax deductible.

For tickets, call Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information services, extensions 774 or 733.

First career fair

Career Services is having their first big career fair — Career Exhibition 1990 — on the Welland campus March 14, and so far, there has been a lot of participation from business.

Sherry Barna, career services officer, said this first exhibition is aimed at "generally everyone" with representatives from area industries. Some of the companies involved are the Hospital for Sick Children, Kelly Services, Metropolitan Life, and Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre.

At press time, about 26 companies were coming to the college to set up their booths and talk to students and faculty. Booths will start near the mini-caf and extend to the Hamilton Room "because there are wide halls there," Mrs. Barna said.

Even though companies can be swamped with resumes and applications, Mrs. Barna said they waste a lot of time and money to train people who aren't fit for the position or don't want to be in the job any longer. Toronto area businesses are actively recruiting because they are having trouble getting people to go to Toronto.

"The contest is to get the cream of the crop," Mrs. Barna said. "To get good people, the right people for the job. We at Niagara know we have that here."

Businesses were invited from ACCESS, a group of professionals at the placement level in colleges and universities, people who hire graduates.

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Gotlieb: 'Canada should start acting like a major power'

BY TONY POST
Staff Writer

Canada should stop thinking of itself as a middle power and start acting like the major power it is, Allan Gotlieb told a Brock University audience Tuesday.

Mr Gotlieb, former Canadian ambassador to the United States, peered into his "crystal ball" and outlined his views on Canada's foreign policy and the new global environment.

Europe is quickly becoming a super power, and American and Soviet dominance will decline, he said. "Canada should try to keep the system as open as possible."

Canada has always thought of itself as a middle power which could provide leadership in the United Nations, Mr. Gotlieb told about 250 people who attended the second lecture in the chancellor's lecture series.

But, although the UN's potential for settling disputes will improve in the post cold-war era, the idea of belonging to a middle power club will become outmoded. The reason: European middle powers are giving up their national sovereignty in a favor of a European federation.

"We are witnessing the greatest voluntary transfer of sovereignty in western civilization," he said.

Mr. Gotlieb called Canada a major power in terms of its resources and its political clout.

After World War 2, Canada emerged as a strong force in the political world. Eager to continue this newfound role in world affairs, Canada planted embassies on every continent. This multilateralism will play an important part in Canada's future, as the world divides into three large economic blocks, Europe and Japan with its Asian neighbors being the largest.

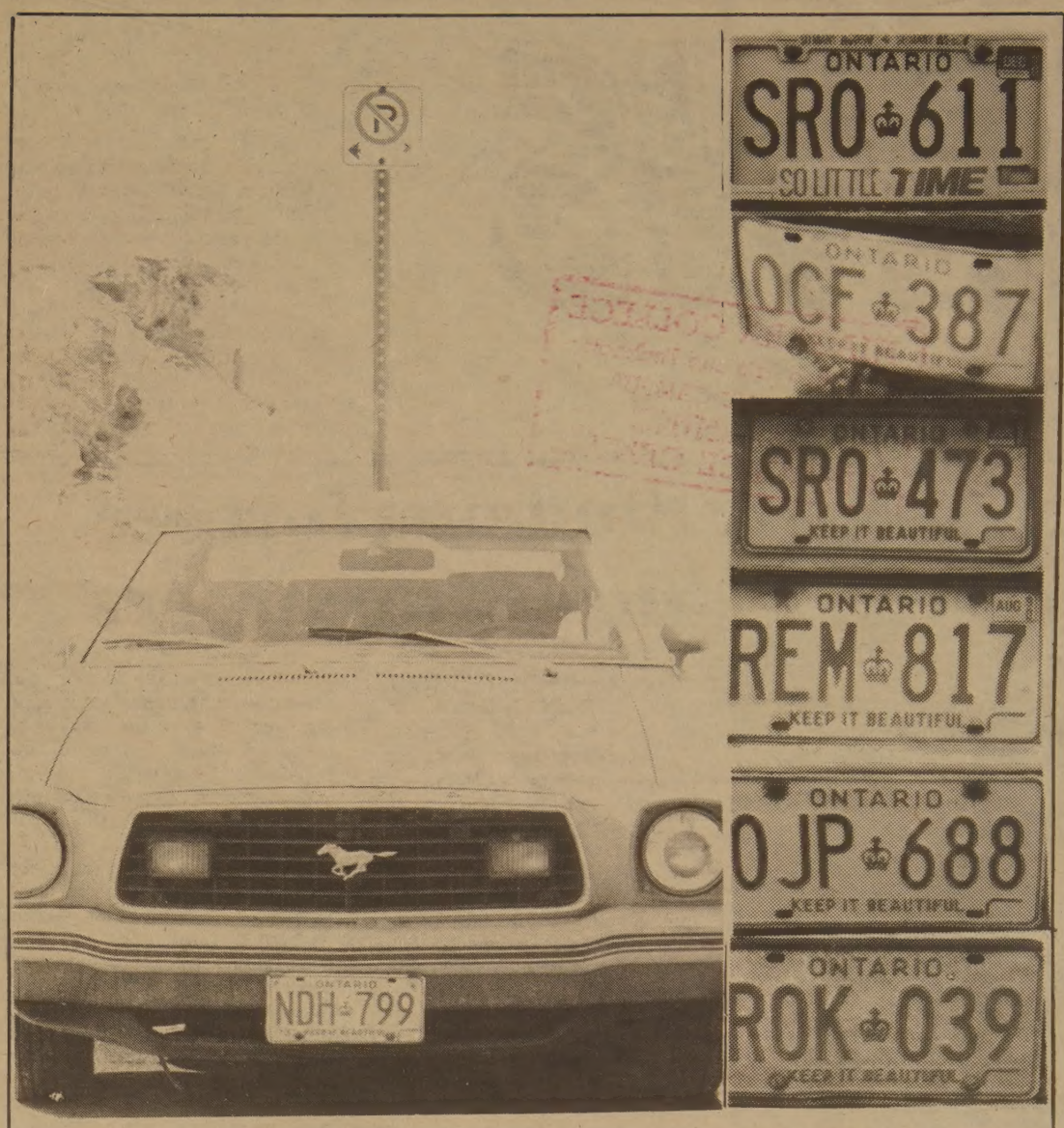
"Our multilateral institutions are well placed to maintain an open world," Mr. Gotlieb said. Canada should actively pursue an open political world.

Mr. Gotlieb also touched on the importance of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. Since the 1960s, Canada has been preoccupied with its political and economic vulnerability to the U.S., he said. "The spur behind the Free Trade Agreement was our fear of U.S. protectionism. Free Trade is a recognition of a changing world."

Increasingly, countries are joining to form their own trading clubs. Europe is forming a preferential trading group, a market of 400 million people virtually closed to outsiders, a market that may double in size.

"Gorbachev, perhaps the greatest Russian leader of all time, dreams of a Europe from Vladivostok to Portugal, a Europe of 800 million people," he said.

While Canada has an important role to play internationally, Mr. Gotlieb conceded, "Of course we have to clean up our act at home a bit."



Is your plate here?

Six months after Niagara College's paid parking policy was introduced, there are still people who refuse to conform to the conditions of the policy. A recent random count showed more than 20 cars parked illegally. The licence plates above represent a sample of the cars found. Incidentally, none of the cars parked illegally had received tickets.

Photo by Scott Tracey

The Niagara Journal airing March 15

Second-year television students at Niagara College are preparing to air a program to be known as The Niagara Journal which will cover events in the Niagara Peninsula.

The program, to be aired on Maclean Hunter cable TV and Armstrong Cable TV in Welland on Thursdays at 1 p.m. starting March 15, will feature news, sports, entertainment and weekly special features.

Laura Bradley Tonelli, second-year television production student, said the program is part of their course curriculum intended to give them an idea of what it is like to work in a real television station in a group situation.

The production of the program is an annual event by second-year television students, but each group chooses what it wants to focus on. "Every year it is the same show, but with a whole new idea," Laura said.

The students will be involved in every aspect of the production which will include producing, directing, writing scripts and the actual filming. Taping will be done on Thursday mornings and aired in the afternoons of the same day.

Laura said they have constructed and built all the sets and expect everything to be ready by next week. Eleven students are taking part.

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Letters to the editor

Student complains

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my opinion regarding the proposed student centre.

Before construction of a new building begins, SAC should consider modifying existing buildings to form a student centre. The main cafeteria can be easily converted to a student lounge, or, if the rumors are correct, the tech wing, which rumors say is moving to St. Catharines, can be converted to a student centre. Construction of a new building is not feasible.

With a declining enrolment, a high debt, and a pathetic parking system, SAC should focus its energy and money to these areas. One doesn't need to attend a course in financial analysis to realize that construction of a student centre would be a waste of money — money we don't have.

Cosimo Chiovitti
Business Administration
Accounting

Grateful winner

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported me during the campaign to elect me as the student representative for Niagara College's Board of Governors. I am truly grateful.

First, I would like to thank those instructors who encouraged my participation in this election. Without that encouragement and help, I doubt that I would have run.

Secondly, I would like to thank my classmates, especially Tammy Ayres, whose help and support kept my spirits up.

Finally, my thanks to my opponents, Julie Iemmolo and Celia Parente. I sincerely hope that you both continue to stay involved in college affairs.

I can only promise you all that I will do my best in this position.

Sincerely yours,
Donna Barrett

Kudos for Niagara News

Dear Editor,

On behalf of all those people who worked so hard to promote the Blood Donor Clinic I want to say, a special thank you to the editor and staff of the Niagara News. In particular, Elizabeth Yates whose articles were both interesting and informative.

Even though the clinic for this year was upstaged by a winter storm I have no doubts that the care and attention shown by the Niagara News team would have greatly enhanced the results of this year's Blood Donor Clinic.

Congratulations to all of you at the Niagara News!

Carmel Costantini
Blood Clinic Team

The FASHION CLUB takes centre stage for Spring!

In the limelight are tops and pants in Royal blue and purple.
We have cotton/poly tops with a wide neck for $17 each.
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'Cesspool' sanctuary

The so-called "cesspool" that has been a target of the Polar Bear Dip this and last year is actually an off limits haven for geese and muskrats, Elaine Arnold, Inco public relations, said.

The pond is private property owned by the Inco steel plant and students who swim there are trespassing. "No trespassing signs are posted around there," Mrs. Arnold said.

"The water isn't toxic" and students who have swum there during the Polar Bear Dips will not suffer ill effects, she said.

The pond which never freezes in winter is a few degrees warmer than the lake because it is the effluent run off from all the Inco plant. A large concrete pipe jutting out into the pond discharges Inco's treated waste. "Tests conducted on the water of the pond are always under Ministry (of Natural Resources) standards," Mrs. Arnold said.

"You can often see geese and muskrats there," The pond is studded with the grass nests of muskrats and an occasional Canada Goose chooses this unfrozen pond to swim in during the winter months. A fish can sometimes be heard jumping with a splash, sending ripples across the still surface of the quiet pond.

Possibly SAC will have to find another surrogate swimming hole to hold the Polar Bear Dip when the lake is too frozen.

Icy prison

March came in more like a lamb than a lion, but winter is still all around us. These icicles attest to that.

Photo by Tony Post

Union delays equity

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

Objections by union staff caused Niagara College to miss the Jan. 1, 1990, deadline for posting its pay equity plans, Joan Warbis, continuing education development officer, said.

Union spokesmen said the job description and classification system, which was brand new and developed for all community colleges about three years ago, is gender biased because information was not collected properly.

"The union wants to start all over from ground zero by sending out questionnaires to people in each of the job classes," Mrs. Warbis said. "This will be a massive undertaking for all the 22 colleges."

The pay equity plan for non-union groups such as management, personnel staff, executive secretaries and part-time staff (both faculty and support) was posted on time.

BARGAINS CENTRALLY

The plan for union staff — which includes faculty and support staff — is being bargained centrally. All 22 community colleges and Ontario will have their pay equity plans done this way, Mrs. Warbis said.

"The pay equity plan which is currently in place (for non-union staff) may be completely revamped when the union plan comes through," Mrs. Warbis said.

And, although they are doing the same job, the pay equity plan for part-time versus full-time faculty may differ, because full-time faculty are union members while part-time are not.

The effect of pay equity depends on where you are working, Mrs. Warbis said. "If teachers are indeed gender neutral then there's no need to compare (jobs). Historically, those in clerical positions are women, so that pay equity may be more likely to effect support staff."

IS RESPONSIBLE

As a college continuing education development officer, Mrs. Warbis is responsible for delivering pay equity training to the community. "I'm responsible for planning, organization and contacting the public, and in terms of community work, I am the liaison person between communities and the college."

In a new approach, the pay equity group designated Ontario's community colleges as official training agents. College staff were trained in pay equity, and then were make responsible for delivering training to the colleges and surrounding communities.

DIFFERENT APPROACH

"Every college is taking a different approach," Mrs. Warbis said. "Niagara College chose to do it through continuing ed." Mrs. Warbis and teacher Irene Seager are delivering training consisting of 30-hour courses, two- or three-day seminars, and public information sessions at various companies.

"We're not responsible for the plans finalized by the businesses, we just provide training and materials for companies to use."

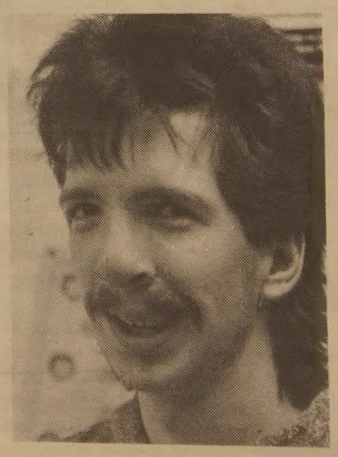
Mrs. Warbis said there are tentative plans for a pay equity conference next fall.

For those who have already posted their pay equity plans and are wondering what comes next, an informal lunchtime session, costing $10, will be held Tuesday, March 13, in the Hennepin Hall board room between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Roving Reporter

Give credit where credit is due, students say

KAREN STEELE



TODD RICHERT

BERNIE BORGMANN

WENDY MILLER

SHAUNA FERLAND

The general mood on Niagara College campus is that posting a student's name on the Honor Roll is not a violation of anyone's privacy.

Last week college president Jacqueline Robarts reinstated the Honor Roll even though it could be interpreted under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy Act as unlawful.

In January of 1989 the traditional list had not been posted when the college was made to comply with the new act. For the last year the college had been looking for a way around the FOI

"No, I don't object — I don't see the harm in publishing names on the wall," **Karen Steele, first-year broadcasting student,** said. She said a student's privacy has not been violated if the Honor Roll is put up. She is against all forms of censorship.

"They're not putting the marks up — so what's the deal," **Todd Richert, second-year computer programing student,** said. He said he doesn't see anything wrong in the way the Honor Roll had been before.

Bernie Borgmann, third-year co-op student, wouldn't mind seeing his name on the Honor Roll without consent. He said the college could send out a release form to students if there is any problem with the Freedom of Information Act. On the college's decision to not post the Honor Roll some time ago, Mr. Borgmann said, "I thought it sucked — I finally got on the darn thing and they didn't put it up."

"No, I wouldn't object. I would be proud to have my name on there," **Dan Cattrysse, first-year law and security student,** said. "Well...I don't see how it affects the Honor Roll," he said.

Wendy Miller, first-year legal assistant student, agrees. "It's nice to be recognized for something you have done." She wouldn't mind being on the list without consent. "In the case of the Honor Roll, I believe it's OK to put their names down, but not their marks."

I think it is not invading our privacy," **Kimberly Comfort, second-year law and security,** said. "They are not putting the marks up." She said it's an acknowledgement of a student's academic abilities. She wouldn't mind if her name was placed on the list without consent.

"In high school it was done and it was nothing," **Shelly Hannahson, first-year office administration executive,** said. "If the school has an Honor Roll it is expected to have your name up if you had honors."

"I have no idea where it is," **Shauna Ferland, second-year early childhood education,** said. She said she wouldn't mind at all though. "All it is saying is that you're getting over 80 per cent. It's saying that you got good marks through hard work."

Second year business administration student Cosimo Chiovitti concurs. "What harm could it do by publishing a name." He thinks the college should not publish the Honor Roll in order of grades, but just alphabetically. Mr. Chiovitti called Ann Houtby, Freedom of Information officer of the college, to thank her and the president for reinstating the Honor Roll.

Editorials

Spirit soars on Sportsmanship prevails

Sportmanship spirit has become a rare quality among today's athletes who lack the attitudes that can make both the players and spectators enjoy games. Most athletes go into the game with one thing in mind: to win the game.

"It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game." This is the attitude that the Niagara Knights women's volleyball team showed throughout this season despite the agony of defeat.

The team did not win a single match, but they kept their spirit alive and enjoyed every single moment of the tournament league. The more they came closer to winning, the more courage they gathered, cheered, and kept on going and held on to the hope of winning.

The odds of winning have been clearly against the team from the outset. The four weeks of the Ontario college strike resulted in the Knights losing time and players; nevertheless, the team chose to play rather than quit.

At one point they were faced with a $500 fine and a two-year suspension after two players quit, making the Knights a 10-player team. But with their determination to carry on, they regrouped and recruited more players.

The team missed three tournaments: two during the strike and an important one they had to play in Kingston, due to unfavorable weather conditions. Most teams that participated in the league played about 25 games whereas the Knights played only 13.

We applaud the Knights for their sportsmanship spirit, the courage and determination they have shown. They did a good job of representing our college. Keep it up, Knights!

Maria Pule

Improved relations Carnival bolsters attitudes

The Student Council and student body should be commended on the success of the recent winter carnival. This year's activities recorded an increased number of participants as compared to the previous year. The overall result has been an improvement in the relationship betweem the council and the student community.

We can recall that student apathy had been blamed for failure of SAC-staged activities, which weakened the financial status of the council. While campaigning for presidency, Jim Acsai vowed to deal with the problem which had tormented the previous council. His administration promised to work hard to bring everybody together and increase advertising of college activities. Those election promises have almost been met.

As the building of a Student Centre becomes a reality, the centre will help bring students together on a common ground and increase participation in SAC and college activities. Funds raised in some college pubs, which are SAC's main fundraising machine, are shared with local bars for using their premises. A Student Centre will help bring such funds directly into the council coffers.

However, there is still a number of students who look down on any social gathering organized by SAC. One wonders whether these individuals despise the cheapness of such activities or they just have other pressing engagements. If their reasons fall in the former, these students should learn to appreciate the spirit of togetherness which student activities seek to bolster.

The success of the recent winter carnival and other activities should pave the way for the participation of the whole student body in college activities. This will enable students to look back on their college days as a period of hard work coupled with fun.

Mahube Mpugwa

Spring indoors

Peter Thompstone, an instructor at the Horticulture Centre, and Jim Thomson, technician, display some of the plants grown especially for the school's Open House. The public is invited to visit the school on March 17 and 18.

Photo by Tony Post

Published works on display at Open House

The Open House Committee is organizing a display of books, poems, plays and other material published by Niagara College writers as a way of acknowledging their talents.

Chief Librarian, Trish Labonte, who will be co-ordinating the display said anybody, including students, who fall in this category and would like his or her work to be included in the exhibition, may send her copies of the articles, pamphlets, books etc.

The material will be on display for the April 1 Open House, and the display will be maintained for six weeks or so after the Open House.

The material should be sent directly to Mrs. Labonte by March 20, and should have a note: For Open House Display, marked on it. The authors must also specify when they would like to have their work returned to them, or if they would like to donate it to learning Resource Centre archives.

The bridge over the moat of Old Fort Niagara is down for the winter. Old Man Winter has grabbed a hold of the old garrison and Jack Frost has painted it silvery colors. Though the old place is silent during this time, it is not forgotten. Throngs of children use the hills for tobogganing.

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FOCUS

'A flower for Eve' stagnant in Canada

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

Thursday, March 8, is International Women's Day, a universal celebration of women and their works. But the way it is celebrated differs markedly between nations.

In Poland and other Communist countries such as Russia and Hungary, women are feted with flowers and cakes, and "they are in first place everywhere," Alicja Praczuk said.

Alicja is a first-year business administration student at Niagara College who misses the Women's Day festivities in her hometown of Bialystok, Poland. "It's a really, really nice day, and I wish that it was celebrated here in Canada."

"A Flower for Eve" is a popular slogan on International Women's Day, March 8. In Poland and other Communist countries, where women are said to have achieved equality, this day is celebrated with flowers and cakes.

Poland

In Poland, "everybody remembers Women's Day," Alicja said. The slogan "A flower for Eve" is displayed on shopping bags, in store windows, on radio, television and in newspapers. Eve, the first woman created by God according to Genesis, symbolizes all women on this day.

Men give cards to all women in their life — wives, sisters, mothers, and daughters — bearing the message "Best wishes on International Women's Day," or simply "Dzien Kobiet — Women's Day."

"In the workplaces, men organize parties for women. They have coffee and cakes, and do whatever is pleasant," Alicja said. Some men buy presents for all the women they work with, while some factories hold parties after work with dinner, drinks and dancing.

In high school, Alicja's male classmates prepared cookies and tea, and "wore funny clothes, special makeup and masks. They prepared funny sketches and gave humorous gifts — I got a rolling pin with a bow on it. We had a lot of fun."

Favorite

Alicja's favorite part of the day on March 8 was arriving home and making dinner with her father and sisters. "And usually my boyfriend came in after and brought flowers for my mother, myself, and my younger sisters. They really liked it."

Women in Poland get dressed up on Women's Day and so do the men. "At school, the boys dressed up in suits and everybody looked elegant," Alicja said.

Alicja, who has been in Canada since September of 1988, is unsure how Women's Day came to be celebrated this way, or which countries have these kinds of festivities: "I think in all the Communist countries — Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Rumania, and Russia for sure."

In Canada and other non-Communist countries, Women's Day has not been as widely celebrated, although interest has been increasing in recent years. In the West, Women's Day is almost a form of "covert confrontation," Alexandra Fic, a Niagara College teacher, said.

Suggestion

Mrs. Fic, a general college coordinator who is well versed in people and customs around the world, suggested that in Communist countries, celebrations of the day are a form of propaganda. "In socialist countries, women have far fewer rights and privileges than they are made to believe." For example, Rumanian women must by law bear five children. "How can you even talk about Women's Day celebrations when there are laws like that?"

Soviet women are not well represented by Raisa Gorbachev, who, Mrs. Fic said, is far more agressive and visual when she visits the West than when she is at home. Impoverished Russian women who perhaps own three outfits look at Raisa in her furs and designer clothing with resentment.

And in China, women work full-time for lower wages than male co-workers, cook and clean in their homes, and hope to bear male children.

Communist celebrations of the day are image-making and propaganda for the Western world to see, Mrs. Fic said. If one doesn't know the reality of the situation — the inequalities and general poor treatment suffered by socialist women — it would be easy to swallow the illusion of women "in first place everywhere" propagated on March 8.

Progress in the area of equality for women can only occur where there is democracy — where there is an opportunity to say, "Hey what's going on? This isn't fair!" and have your objections listened to (if not heeded).

In 1910, Clara Zetkin, a German Socialist leader, placed a resolution before the second International Socialist Congress calling for recognition of March 8 as a day to remember the early struggles of working women.

In New York on March 8, 1907, poverty-stricken female garment workers had marched in the streets demanding improved working conditions and recognition of equal rights for women. These women were trampled and dispersed by police when they reached the wealthy section of town. They marched again on the same date in 1908, seeking an end to sweat shops and child labor.

In the 1960s, western feminists again began to celebrate Women's Day, as part of their crusade for equal rights.

No Plans

Although no celebrations are planned at Niagara College, other organizations in the Niagara region have a busy week ahead of them.

In Welland, the Community Resource Action Centre is presenting Theres Parent, Dianne Grenier, Sandra Milner and Kathryn Gorman, at 7 p.m. Thursday night in the meeting room of the Welland Public Library.

Brock University has a week of events planned, starting Monday when visual arts students will present a slide show of women's art. Singers, poets and speakers at the university will "remind people that women provide things to the world and the workplace that are special," Leila Lustig, Brock communications officer, said.

Men as well as women are welcome to attend, and Ms. Lustig said the people involved in planning events are "not classed as real 'bra-burning' feminists. This week will be a celebration," not a confrontation.

Retail students of highest calibre

By BOME MATSHABA
Staff Writer

Niagara College's retail management graduates are of the highest calibre one can get in a program of this nature, Larry Kennaley, vice-president of sales, Kinney Canada Inc. Sportelle/Karuba division, said last week.

Mr. Kennaley said despite intense competition with other employers for the college's graduates, his company has always managed to recruit a couple of them. "They are always of a very high calibre."

There is an intense competition among employers for Niagara students because of their outstanding calibre. "I definitely think the calibre of these students can be attributed to the strong retail training they get here."

Mr. Kennaley, who was on the college to recruit graduating students from the retail and management program and to explore the possibility of summer placement for co-op students, said he has identified some potential recruits, "but students have a variety of ideas and do not want to jump to the first offer they get." He said they wisely want to weigh all the possibilities open to them before deciding.

GREAT SUCCESS

His company recruits students from a wide variety of colleges but it is attracted to Niagara College because of the tremendous success rate it has with its graduates, he said.

Kinney Canada Inc. deals in foot wear and clothing. "We are strictly retailers with 1,125 retail stores across Canada. The company sells its goods under 12 divisional names which include Kinney shoes, Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker and Randy River.

Recruits start at the managerial training level and advance to manager then district managers. Nowadays, unlike when he joined the company, mobility up the ladder is much faster because of the company's growth.

"It is always wise for students to establish their long term goals," Mr. Kennaley said. "They must not join a company hoping for a quick advancement, but should spend as much time as it takes to select and decide what they want and it is only then that they can select a career that meets their needs and values."

RAPID GROWTH

Mr. Kennaley said students are attracted to his company by the rapid growth within the company and its excellent employment package. "Our salary package is very competitive as well."

Formerly a school teacher, Mr. Kennaley joined the company in 1970 after being recruited by a colleague who had joined before him. He started as a sales person in one of the stores and held several positions before being recently appointed vice-president of sales.

He said he enjoys recruiting students from Niagara because of his long term relationship with Don Pearson, co-ordinator of retail management program, Rosemary Cawthorn, manager of co-operative education and career services, and because of "the calibre of the students we get from here."

He said the program also has an excellent reputation and that is why students choose to get their training here.

Donna Barrett

Looks forward to job

Donna Barrett is looking forward to her job as student representative on Niagara College's Board of Governors for 1990, but she's not quite sure what she's in for yet.

Donna, a first-year business administration student at the Welland campus, won the Feb.15 byelection for the student representative position, called after the original election in December produced no nominees. Three candidates ran.

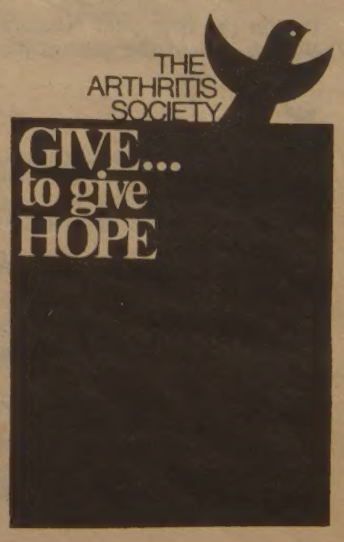
Students have only been represented on the board for the past two years after lobbying for board representation for at least 10 years.

"I can see where it'll take a lot of time, but that's okay," Donna said. The position is a new thing for her, and she doesn't know exactly what to expect. Donna said she was attending an orientation session Feb. 21 to become more familiar with the job.

As student representative she is most concerned about the hiring of the new president and the college's image. She would like to see a president who is accessible and one who is more visible around the college.

The new president can also help set the tone for the college's image, Donna said. She feels that the college's poor image has a lot to do with the apathy around the college.

DONNA BARRETT



Valedictorian Eduardo Anzures (far right) joins his fellow graduates from the Hospital Orderly program for the ceremonial class photograph. The graduation ceremony took place at the Mount Carmel campus in Niagara Falls last Friday. The graduates are looking forward to an exciting career in the health care field.

Photo by Alison Olsen

Area students win Niagara sweatshirts

Two area students won Niagara College sweatshirts for their participation in the Marine Trade Fair held at Brock University Feb. 19 and 20.

Colleen Sorensen, a student at St. Nicholas Elementary School in St. Catharines, and Stephanie Chess, from Monsignor Clancy Secondary School in Thorold, won the sweatshirts for taking part in a Niagara College promotion at the fair.

Students filled out a form indicating their areas of interest as far as skilled trades and technological education are concerned. The students got a chance to win a sweatshirt and the college obtained information which will be used in the marketing of technological programs.

The college display was coordinated by Larry Clark, technologist for the manufacturing program, to increase interest in technological programs. Enrolment in the technology division has been decreasing, Mr. Clark said.

The display, carried out on behalf of the technology division, was intended to attract the types of students that might have an interest in pursuing an education in technology.

"The type of students coming to the show seemed perfect for technology," Mr. Clark said.

The booth was manned by several volunteers from the college

Alien I, II will astound

The cinema thriller Alien and its action-packed sequel Aliens are being shown in the Hamilton Room in March. These must-see films will astound any fan of the horror genre.

Alien was the first time audiences got to see actress Sigouney Weaver in action. As the tough, rough and unabashed Ripley, she dominates every scene. The film also boasts a strong supporting cast, including the monster itself. An ingenious blend of puppetry and special effects, Alien is being shown March 6.

A sequel seldom lives up to the original. Aliens, however, is an exception. This thrill-a-minute film will leave you breathless. Sigourney Weaver reprises the role as Ripley, once again pitted against an indestructible monster. Aliens is guarateed to keep you on the edge of your seat. This roller coaster adventure is being shown March 8.

PITCH IN

Orderlies thank college for their success

Hospital orderly students held their graduation ceremonies Friday at the Mount Carmel campus, Niagara Falls.

"Some of us will be in your care in not too many years from now," Fred Habermehl, executive dean, said. "I know we'll be in good hands."

Eighteen students graduated from the program; half of them have already found employment at hospitals and retirement homes.

Four of the graduates were the first women to graduate from the program.

The students spent the past month at local hospitals and homes as part of their clinical work. Under the supervision of a certified orderly, the students worked a regular work week. This provided the students with practical experience.

Valedictorian Eduardo Anzures thanked the hospitals by giving his "heart-felt gratitude to Niagara county."

"Thank you for giving us a chance to become certified orderlies," Mr. Anzures said. "We promise to do our best and be good members of the health care profession."

Tourism invites students to opportunity night

Students of all ages are invited to the Hospitality and Tourism Centre Tuesday, March 20, for the fourth annual Tourism Employment Opportunity night, Neil McGregor, director of the hospitality and tourism division, said.

This is the first year Niagara College has held the annual job fair, sponsored by Niagara Falls, and the Visitor and Convention bureau. Tourism industry members of the bureau are invited to attend.

The purpose of the fair is to help the tourism industry find employees for their seasonal staff needs.

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Guilty

Court experience humiliates student

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

It is bright and sunny today. But there is one cloud in the otherwise clear blue sky. A dark cloud that casts a shadow over me wherever I walk.

I am to appear before a judge today, faced with a monumental task for the uninitiated: to defend myself in court. I feel categorized with petty criminals and the most violent perpetrators of crime. People stare as I pass by.

It's not that I didn't have time to prepare myself. It had taken five months for my case to come to trial. But I can't shake the thought that I, Anonymous Citizen, am being thrust into the limelight of notoriety. A thought that, to my horror, becomes reality when I see my name in bold print on the docket outside courtroom 2.

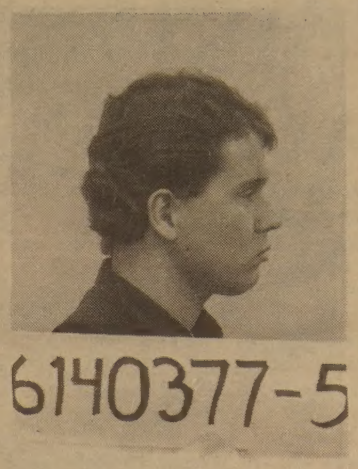
My head hangs low as I make my way to see duty counsel.

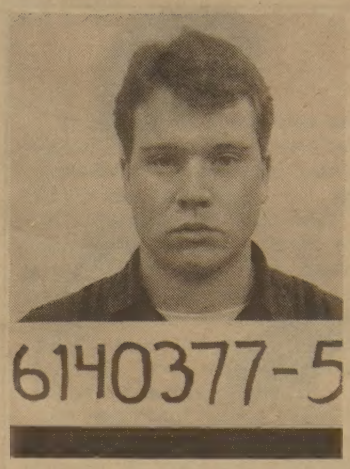
Guilty

He is a friendly enough man, helpful in educating me on court procedure. I should see the Crown before my case comes up and tell him I will plead guilty to a lesser charge, he tells me.

Guilty! For what? It was an accident, an unfortunate occurrence. That's why I am here, to fight this thing.

He tells me I did break a law and must therefore plead guilty to something. Reluctantly, I agree What choice do I have?





As I sit, waiting for my trial, five uniformed men appear. I recognize their faces. They are LASA students from Niagara College. Oh, this is humiliating. My fellow collegians are at the other end of the law. They, a symbol of authority, of order, of peace; I, a law breaker, the reason for their existence.

But that's not all. An acquaintance appears. He is charged with assault. In one day I had gone from being an ordinary citizen, to being a criminal. And I associated with other criminals. It must be true. Birds of a feather...

No. 9

It was a long wait. The wheels of justice were not turning as fast as I had expected. The engine was in neutral, it seemed.

"Calling number 9, Post."

My heart stopped. I was a marked man, number nine.

The judge smiled as though she took some sort of devious pleasure from pronouncing sentence on people like myself. Or maybe she was trying to put me at ease.

The trial proceeded as I anticipated: formally but quickly. The Crown requests an amendment to the charge. There is some communication between the judge and the Crown. Her Worship asks me if I understand the amendment.

I tell her "yes" hoping it will be over faster.

She asks me how I plead on the amendment.

I reply with the answer that had been taught me by duty counsel: "Guilty."

Taking into consideration that this is my first violation of the law, she hands me a relatively small fine.

I walk out of court relieved, my anonymity restored.

Horticultural Centre to hold Open House

Students and staff at the horticultural division in St. Catharines will soon open the doors to the Ivan D. Buchanan Hall for the school's 20th annual Open House.

The Open House, which will be held March 17 and 18 at the centre, 360 Niagara St., is put on by students in the horticultural technician program as part of their curriculum.

"It's one of the very best learning experiences the students have," Peter Mansfield, the program co-ordinator, said. "It involves long term planning on the part of students and faculty alike."

It serves several functions. "No matter how you cut the cake, our Open House is a promotion for the students and the college; it's a learning experience for the students, and a money-making venture for us," Mr. Mansfield said.

About $8,000 worth of plants and other products were sold one year. "Come Open House, we'll sell you anything but the paint and the walls," Mr. Mansfield said. The money is used to buy equipment and books that normally the budget would not allow. It also goes towards field trips.

Special displays with a strong environmental thrust are planned this year. As well, the regular exhibitors will return. The Bonsai, succulent, and orchid societies will all have displays.

The Open House is also a good opportunity for people to get an early taste of spring. Chrisanthemums, cinerarias, daffodils and tulips are just a few of the plants on display.

Attendance varies from year to year depending mainly on weather. On an average year 3,500 to 4,000 people visit the show.

At one time the show also occupied several rooms in a high school across the street. There, members of the industry would display anything from patio stones to garden machinery to fertilizers. The horticultural centre assumed responsibility for space at the other school.

"We got the tiger by the tail," said Mr. Mansfield. "With our limited manpower we reached the stage where we could not do it any more, so we had to drop it. However, I would like to see it reinstated with the co-operation of industry."

Disney reps conduct interviews for Epcot Centre openings

By ALISON OLSEN
Staff Writer

Are you motivated, responsible and proud of your country? Walt Disney World conducted interviews Feb. 21 for their cultural exchange program in Florida.

Two Disney representatives gave a presentation at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls looking for young people to represent their countries.

They are recruiting from 11 nations for students to work in they World Showcase at Epcot Centre. Among the nations included were Canada, China, France, Mexico and Norway.

Students have to be at least 18, speak fluent English and have some experience in the tourism field.

Sue Sharpe, international staffing representative, said the World Fellowship program has three "elements" that successful candidates will find exciting and rewarding.

"We offer a great work experience, a great living experience and a great learning experience."

Students work a maximum of 30 hours a week, at a restaurant, an attraction or a gift shop. An attraction or merchandising position pays $5.05 an hour. A food and beverage position pays $5.25 an hour.

RARE CHANCE

This might be the only chance that some people will ever meet someone from a certain country, and with more than 23 million guests per year, we are looking for only the best reps that we can find," Ms. Sharpe said.

Students live at Vistaway, a group residence, and thus, learn different cultures by living with students from all over the world. There are no chaperones and no curfew. Students are free to come and go as they please.

The World Fellowship program plans activities for the students to keep them from feeling homesick. Trips to Daytona Beach, trips to see space shuttle launches, and talent shows are scheduled each year.

Successful candidates must pay their own air fare to Florida. If they complete the 12-month program, Disney will pay for the return flight in U.S. funds.

Anyone who missed the presentation in Niagara Falls is invited to write to the staffing office at Disney for an information booklet on the program.

"We are a detail-oriented company," Ms. Sharpe said. "We need honest individuals who can represent their country with pride."

Following the Niagara College presentation, the representatives are off to Georgian College, Mohawk College, Humber College and the University of Guelph.

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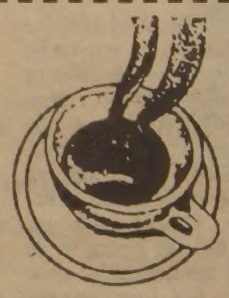

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It's a dog eat dog world out there

By JENNIFER HUGGINS
Staff Writer

The howling and barking could be heard outside the hangar. Each one had its nose in the air, sniffing all the other contestants, getting ready for a stand-off. Many of the hundreds of cars had wet marks on their tires. Inside the hangar, the whining echoed at a deafening decibel. Hundreds of dogs were gathered in one place, at one time, to be judged, yearning for the chance to be declared best in group, best in breed and above all, best in show.

The All-Breed Sanction Match held at the Aylmer Police College Feb. 11 was a collection of all kinds of contestants.

Although just for fun, many of the more than 200 entrants took the whole event seriously, grooming, primping, preening and posing for the judges.

Junior

The day started at 10 a.m. with the junior handler-puppy class. Adoring coos greeted the puppies. Miniature versions of doberman pinschers, chows and collies were paraded around the ring in proud display. Trotting around the perimeter of the ring, several puppies slipped on the cement floor and went sliding, sprawled out on their stomachs.

Others got overexcited and had little accidents on the floor. There was a clean-up crew on hand to preserve the hygenic disposition of the day.

After two hours of cute, cuddly pups, it was time to move on to the older dogs. Starting in alphabetical order, the Afghan hounds were filed into the ring. Their shiny, colored coats gleemed under the flourescent lights. One delighted owner, William Henniger, won the ribbon for best in breed and led his winning entry, Hendale's Alabaster Master, on his victory lap.

Bouviers

The Bouviers were next. Proud and tall, they pranced around the square as if their lives depended on it. Many of the owners were bent on winning the competition and tried their hardest to get their dogs to do the best. They yanked and tugged on chains, teased with meaty treats, and stroked their dogs with determined pressure. Many carried combs in their pockets and when the judge wasn't looking, snuck in a quick brushing.

Bouviers were finished and the next group would turn out to be the longest class of the entire show. Boxers. Twenty-five shmooshed faces stared at the judge impatiently. They didn't want to be there but, as long as they were, they were going to enjoy themselves. One of the larger dogs decided he was going to lie down and get comfortable while he waited for his turn on the judge's table. No matter how hard she tried, his handler could not budge the stubborn canine. It took a kind gentleman from the audience to lift the dog up on to his front paws and the handler to push him on to all fours. The rest of the class went without a hitch until the end when the second-place winner lunged at the third-place winner, teeth bared, while they were being rewarded their prizes.

Dogs

All day long, different kinds of dogs were all over the unused hangar at the police college in Aylmer, Ont. The show was sponsored by the Maple Leaf Chow Chow Club who put it on for fun, not for champion points. The only requirements were that the dog must be at least three months old and be eligible for Canadian Kennel Club registration. The prizes weren't serious, no money, just ribbons and rosettes.

Fats Domino never sang about being a hounddog and probably never dreamed of being the namesake of a Bulldog with a face like this. Fats and Monty (left to right) were contestants in an All-Breed Sanction Match sponsored by the Maple Leaf Chow Club at the Aylmer Police College on Feb. 11. Monty, on the other hand, took everything in stride and got as much beauty rest as he could before it was his turn to show off to the audience.

Photos by Jennifer Huggins

There were several vendors at the show selling wares of all types for the doggie consumer and his handler. Everything from canine cologne to leather collars with studs was available to patrons of the show.

One vendor, Breeder's Choice, had dog cages with simulated gold handles and hinges.

Bulldog

A pampered Bulldog inhabited one of these cages and was quite the ham whenever approached by a passerby. Fats Domino, owned by Edward Tillford of Tillgrove Kennels, Ingersoll, happily stuck his sloppy tongue out for anyone who dared put his hand near the cage. His mate, Countessa, was not as thrilled with the idea of being in the spotlight. Her attitude toward on-lookers was as ugly as her face.

As well as doggie wares, there were accommodations for the handlers. A food booth had been set up by the Aylmer 4-H Club with an assortment of soft drinks and food.

The day wore on slowly for those competitors who weren't scheduled until near the end of the show. Some got a refund on their $10 entry fee and left, saying that at least they know how their dog interacted at events like this.

The best in the show turned out to be a Chow Chow puppy by the appropriate name of Midnight. She was awarded the largest ribbon of the day and was held up high for all to see. The applause was deafening and started the dogs on a howling spree.

The contestants were packed up and carried or dragged out of the hangar. The howling and barking had died down as the contestants had lost their energy. The wet marks on the tires were still there. The contestants still sniffed each other but with less enthusiasm. There was no need for a stand-off at this point. All the dogs had gathered together to compete for honors and now that this show was over, they would go home, get some rest and prepare themselves for the next time they would all meet in one place to be declared best in breed, best in class and best in show.

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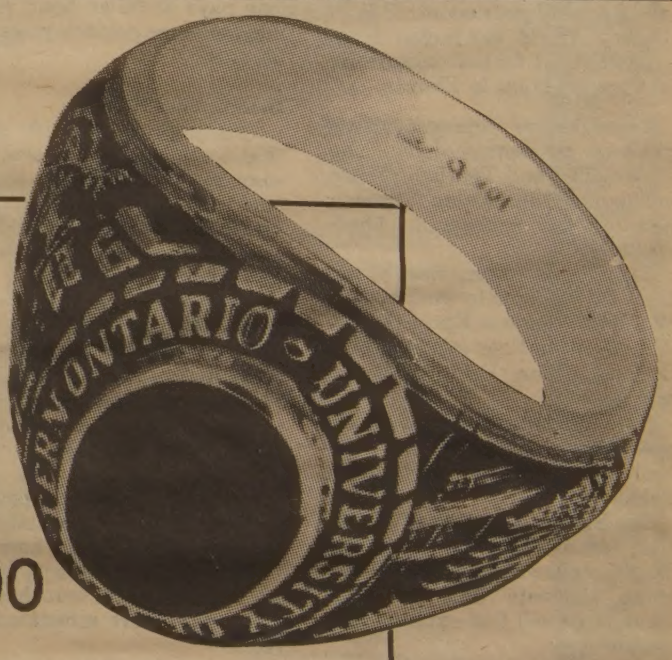

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Helping others help themselves, students get job experience

By JENNIFER HUGGINS
Staff Writer

As part of their course, Educational Resource-Special Needs students are taking work placements throughout the community and getting the broad experience they need for a successful career.

One day a week all year, for two weeks at the end of semester one and three; and for a month at the end of semester two and four, ERSN students work at different placements that give them a look at all aspects of the special needs population. Elvira Lucas, coordinator of the ERSN program, said. "We want them to have a broad spectrum of experience."

The variety of placements gives the students a knowledge of all levels of the developmentally delayed so that they can identify with all aspects and needs in a typical day at home, school or work for the special needs person.

Some of the students work in school with the physically or mentally handicapped or the hearing or visually impaired. Now that more and more special needs students are being integrated into the regular school system, there is a demand for people to work with them not only at elementary levels, but also in high schools and colleges.

With this move comes a need for tutoring in such classes as English, psychology and vocational classes. ERSN students tutor twice a week along with their other placements and three to four hours of homework every night of the week.

Specialized

Placements are also set up in specialized schools such as the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, child development centres and Lady Spencer-Churchill School.

The Special Needs department is also set up to help with the needs of adults returning to the college for upgrading and retraining through the Ontario Basic Skills program which operates partly out of the Welland campus and partly out of the St. Catharines campus. There is a placement with this department to tutor adults with their classes which take place twice a week.

Mrs. Lucas said that there is a lot of work involved in the ERSN program. Along with their homework, some students take part-time jobs after school and work for 15 to 20 hours a week. "Our students have to be doing all the things we are teaching."

The different areas involved with placements give the student a chance to learn different things about the special needs population. In the schools, students teach the developmentally handicapped to help themselves. Some of them may not have the ability to toilet or feed themselves and this is where the ERSN students come in. Mrs. Lucas said that the students don't do the things for the handicapped unless it is absolutely necessary.

Paperwork

Mrs. Lucas said some of her students drop out because they don't like to do the paperwork involved, but in a school setting this is a big part of the job. Placement workers don't only do the fun activities and outings; they are expected to help the regular teacher in any capacity that might arise, for example, preparation of materials, getting lessons ready and filling out reports.

In the residences or group homes, an ERSN student does something quite different. Here, since the residents function at a higher level, the worker visits to supervise with meals and help with grocery and clothing shopping.

Most of the cases need overnight supervision for which a worker stays all night but Mrs, Lucas said her students are not expected to do this on their placements. However, any who do choose to stay overnight are paid about $8 an hour by community and social services.

Because residents are likely at school or work during the day, the worker doesn't need to be there all the time.

House calls

A higher functioning handicapped may live in his own apartment. The student, in this case, is only required to drop in every so often to see that things are going smoothly, that they make medical appointments and that they have some recreational activities

Mrs. Lucas said the focus is mainly on helping a person to eventually help himself. There may be an instance where help is required to obtain specialized equipment to make things easier so that there is no need for as much custodial help.

"It takes a lot of patience and a lot of desire to help others help themselves," said Mrs. Lucas. "It's really exciting."

ERSN students deal with a wide range of ages — from six years to old age. With better health programs, senior developmentally handicapped are living longer and students help them get involved with senior special needs day programs.

An important selling point is the fact that the focus always changes, students aren't working with one age group, there is wide variety, Mrs. Lucas said.

"They are working not only with that broad range of ages, but the broad range of ability as well. It gives them enough knowledge to work with every type of handicap."

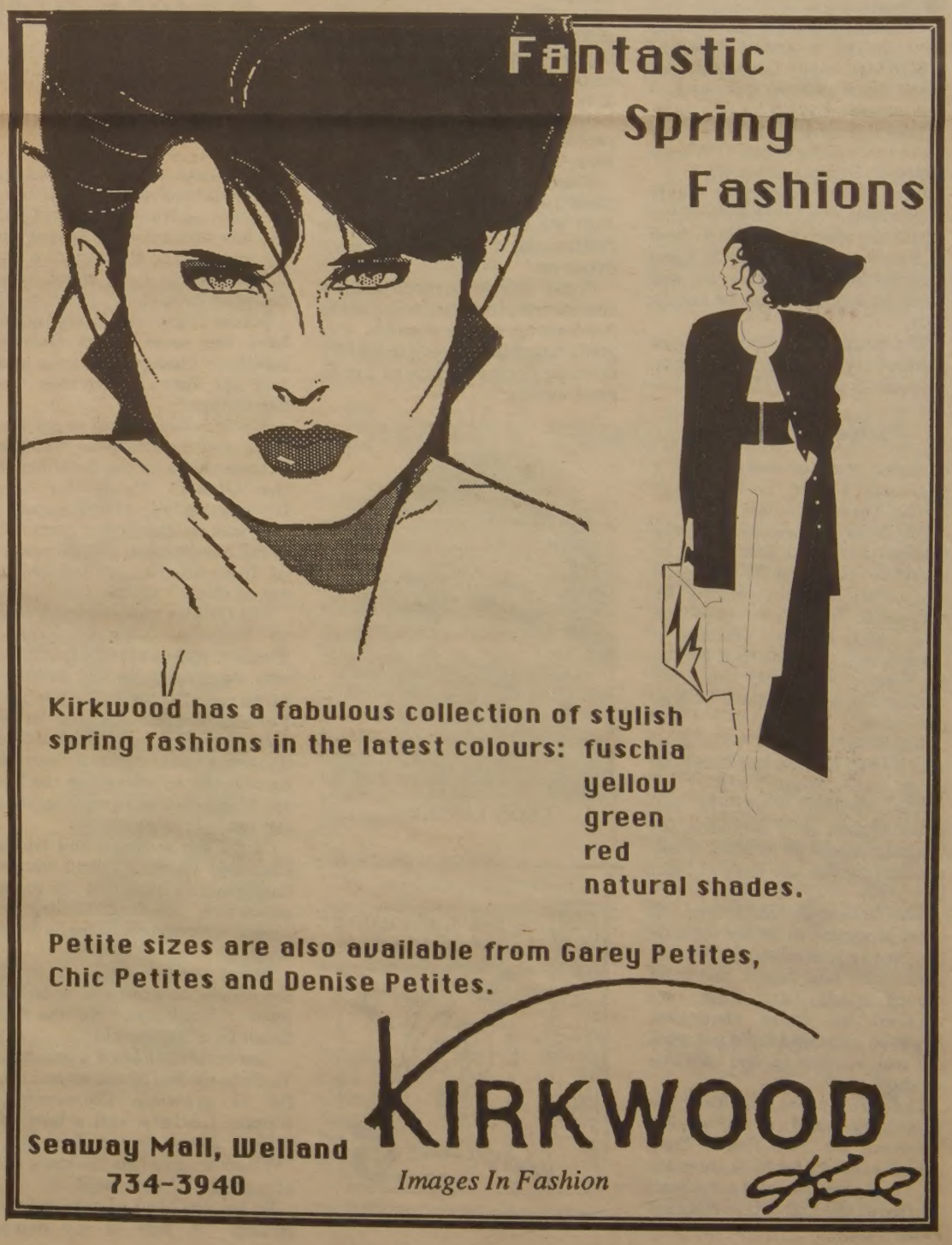
This knowledge and experience is good for further into the future when circumstances may change. Since there is a variety, there is no need to drop everything and come back to school for a total retraining.

As well, Mrs. Lucas said that employment in this field is excellent. Anyone in first or second-year can get a job. Some of her students work at jobs for 20 to 30 hours a week at the rate of $8 to $10 per hour.

Keep it primed

A long cannon points across the Niagara River to Buffalo. Located at historic Old Fort Erie, the gun has not fired a salvo for decades. On July 3, 1814, the fort was seized from the British by Winfred Scott and his American militia. After defending the garrison from British General Sir Gordon Drummond and his Canadian troops, Scott blew up the fort and fled to the American side.

Photo by Bruce Culp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Nothing stops determined student Leon Lowry

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

There is a determined student at Niagara College who is setting a praiseworthy example for others to follow.

His name is Leon Lowry. He is an Ontario Basic Skills student, who was born with cerebral palsy which affected the nerves in both his arms and legs.

Despite this, Leon lives his life to the fullest and enjoys giving what he has to offer to those he says are "less fortunate" than himself.

Leon is one of 12 residents at Welland's Tanguay Place, 675 Tanguay Ave., who has been taking part in a fundraising campaign for a handicapped accessible van.

Handicapped van

Due to the inconvenience of not having personal transportation at Tanguay, it became difficult for the residents to communicate or become active outside the facility.

Faculty staff, along with residents, have been busy for about a year now with either participating or planning a fundraising event; all proceeds raised have gone directly towards the purchase of a new van.

The van, which finally has a definite cost of $46,000, will provide an electric wheelchair lift, extra duty springs and suspensions, tie-downs for wheelchairs in the van and, of course, seatbelts for the passengers.

To date Leon and his friends have raised a grand total of $16,788.66, and Leon said he won't stop until he has reached the amount needed for the van.

"We still have a ways to go, but we're having Marathon of Wheels again on Sunday, May 27."

Last May, Tanguay staff organized a 14-kilometre marathon which took about three of four hours to complete. Leon rode his bicycle in the event and received a gold medal for taking part.

The marathon, which accepted pledges from Niagara residents, brought in about $7,000 — $500

Marathon

of which was donated by SAC's successful End of the Year Bash at the Aqua Duck last year.

SAC's former president, Randy Conlon, promised Leon that he would see to it that $1 from each $7 ticket bought would be donated to Tanguay's needed van. And Randy kept his promise.

Leon said that the first person to donate anything was Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president.

The Rotary Club in Welland for which Leon has worked stamping bingo cards, donated $150.

Mike (Spider) Plowright and Dave Illman, RTV students, arranged a special on-location broadcast during the last week of term last year.

The broadcast challenged all other programs to donate towards the cause and students in the program who had raised the most money would have their cars washed by radio students; however, Leon said it did not work out well because no one was able to show up.

In February last year, Tanguay Place organized a Sweetheart Weekend for Two Draw. They sold the tickets for $2 or three for $5. The winner received a weekend for two at the Day's Inn, Niagara Falls, Ont.

And before the Christmas holidays, Leon prepared his own draw called the Twelve Days of Christmas. He sold most of the 3,000 tickets made for the draw for $1 or six for $5. There was a prize to be won each day during the holidays.

Christmas draw

He built his draw around the theme. The prizes included, one 12-pound turkey, two boxes of chocolates, three cases of beer, four pounds of cheese, five bottles of liquor, six bottles of wine, seven jars of pickles, eight cans of nuts, nine pounds of candy, 10 pounds of cold cuts, 11 bags of potato chips and 12 bottles of pop.

All of the prizes were donated from merchants around the Niagara peninsula.

"I spent one week over at Towers selling tickets and then I sold a good part of them in three weeks at the Seaway Mall," he said.

At the end of the draw, only 15 tickets remained unsold. And because the draw was so successful, Leon said he is planning to have the draw again this Christmas.

The hard-working man's most recent fundraising event was a bake sale at the Seaway Mall in early February which raised $410.

"I just do all these fundraising things to help and not to gain publicity for myself. I have such a good feeling inside my heart helping those less fortunate than myself."

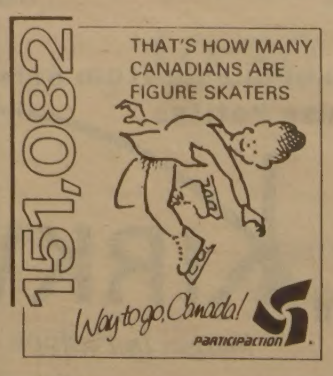
Ben Toner, father of a resident of Tanguay Place, helped out during the bake sale. He continously urged Leon to sit down and take it easy, but he refused.

"It's nice to see people helping people as the college did last year," Mr. Toner said.

Since the van will not pay for itself, Leon said the residents and staff will always need to do some fundraising to keep up the van's expenses.

"I can only do so much and it's the contributors that make these fundraising events possible. I'm going to continue doing these fundraising chores as long as I'm in good health."

LEON LOWRY



Tanguay Place staff and residents lent a helping hand during the facility's bakesale to raise funds towards a $46,000 wheelchair-accessible van for the residence for the disabled. The van will be equipped with extra springs and suspensions, a wheelchair lift and seatbelts. The bakesale took place in front of Shoppers Drug Mart in the Seaway Mall on Feb. 9. The volunteers raised $410 in a day's work.

Photo by Paula Ritz

Feisty girl fights discrimination

By ALISON OLSEN
Staff Writer

While most 10-year-old children amuse themselves with their Barbie dolls and Nintendo cartridges, one has taken it upon herself to try and change the negative attitudes people have about handicapped people.

Stacie High, 10, is trying to have the name of an Ottawa residence changed because she said she feels it degrades the handicapped.

Stacie is determined to get the home to change its name from the Ottawa Home for the Retarded to the Ottawa Home for the Developmentally Handicapped.

"I was taught by my mom not to call handicapped people retarded. It sounds like you're making fun of them," she said.

The Ottawa home sent a letter to Regional Niagara, where Stacie's dad works, explaining why companies should hire injured or "retarded" people. Stacie's dad brought the letter home, not thinking that his eldest daughter would decide to become an activist. After reading the letter, Stacie decided to work to have the name changed.

"I go to the Boy's and Girl's Club and I have a friend who is handicapped; he is just the same as anyone," she said. "Calling someone retarded could really hurt them."

Stacie went to work. At first, she wanted to write a letter to the head of the home. "No one will listen to a 10-year-old."

She decided to start a petition. To date, she has 50 names and the list is growing. Classmates, friends, teachers, and a host of others have signed her list. "Whoever signs this list has a lot of courage," Stacie said.

So far, she has had only one rejection. "A lady at my dad's apartment said she wouldn't sign it. She said that she works with the handicapped and that eventually it will get changed anyway. I told her 'don't act like it's nothing, because it is.' "

STACIE HIGH

The straight A student at Princess Margaret Public Elementary school plans to send the petition to the Ottawa home after she collects more signatures.

What if her wish comes true?

"I would write a letter and say 'Thank you' and ask for more information on what they do. I want to know how they help the handicapped people in Ottawa."

Stacie's mother is proud of her daughter. "I encourage her to do what she thinks is right. I taught my daughters to refrain from referring to the developmentally handicapped as retarded. I think it's great that she has taken a stand."

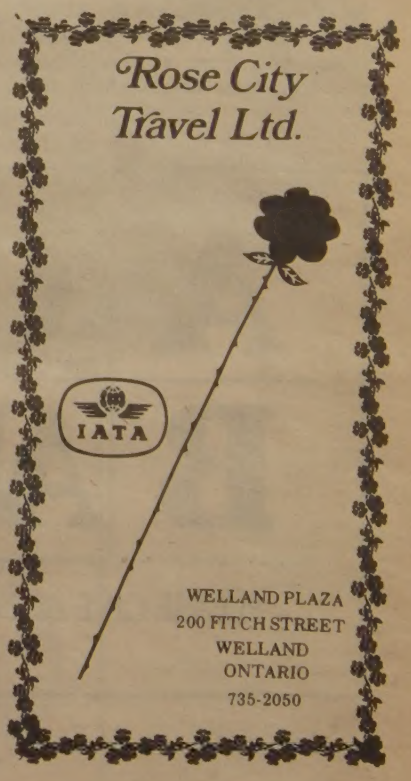
The cute little girl with the warm brown eyes hopes to become a nurse when she grows up. "I like helping people and leading them through troubled times."

Her mother, however, is pushing for her to be a doctor.

In her spare time, Stacie likes reading, writing and fighting with her younger sister Amanda. She is a volunteer worker in the Reading Club at the Boy's and Girl's Club in Niagara Falls. She was one of 12 students chosen to create a design to be included in a calendar to be sold to businesses to raise money for the club.

"If my petition refrains people from calling the handicapped retarded, even one person, then it worked," she said.

Anyone interested in signing Stacie's petition should get in touch with Alison Olsen in the journalism newsroom. Stacie is trying to keep alive the idea that it's not handicapped — it's handicapable.



Sports

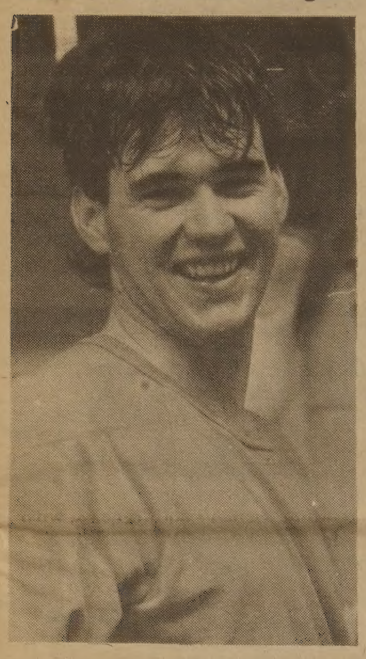
Knights end season in winning fashion

The Niagara Knights wrapped up their ICHL regular season schedule on a winning note Saturday with a 9-6 decision over the Buff State Bengals at the Welland Arena.

The win ended a brief slide for the Knights who only took one point out of a two-game series at Penn State last weekend.

The Knights finished the season with a 14-3-1 record to take first place in league play.

James Ward had a hat trick and Lance Parcher added two goals for the Knights Saturday including two first-period markers which helped lift Niagara to a 3-2 lead at the first intermission.



JAMES WARD

Buff State had opened the scoring on a power play goal at the 5:35 mark of the first before Ward replied at 9:19

WENT AHEAD

The visitors went ahead for the last time 41 seconds later with Lance Pastelli's goal at the halfway point of the period.

Ward scored his second at 13:43 to tie the score at 2-2 before Chris Gallagher finally put the Knights ahead with six seconds left in the opening frame.

Niagara put the game away in the second period outscoring the Bengals by a 4-2 margin to stretch their lead to 7-4.

Kent Loach put the Knights up 4-2 with a backhand goal only 1:30 into the middle frame. That goal set the stage for Niagara to take control. Goals by Ward, Chris Brownell and Mike Mooridian, who scored on the power play with 26 seconds left in the period, gave Niagara all the counters they would need to end the season on a winning note.

GAVE INSURANCE

Lance Parcher's two goals in the final period provided insurance.

Scott McInearney and Lance Pastelli led Buff State scorers with two goals apiece.

The Knights head to the ICHL playoffs in Kitchener the weekend of March 10 to try to double up on their hardware this season.

Notes: The Knights had five players among the 12 selected to the ICHL all-star teams...The Knights led the ICHL in most goals scored, fewest goals allowed and most penalty minutes this season...Chris Smith, not Jeff Mazi, as was reported here, was involved in the main scuffle of the Knights' Penn State weekend.

The Knights attack on the power play in their regular season finale against Buff State. The Knights downed the Bengals 9-6 Saturday at the Welland Arena to stretch their margin atop the ICHL.

Photo by John Blackwell

Knights cop ICHL awards

Jim Darling took his second straight league MVP title and the Niagara Knights copped five of the 12 all-star positions up for grabs in the ICHL this season.

Darling was once again named all-star goalie for the first team after a strong season between the pipes for the Knights. Joining Darling on the first team is defenceman Mike Martineu.

Niagara took three of the six spots available on the second team. Brian Rome was named on defence with Lance Parcher at centre and Jim Denardi on the wing.

The awards will be handed out the first weekend of March 10 at the International Collegiate Hockey League playoffs in Kitchener.

Knights volleyball ousted in Kingston

By RICHMOND MAHEHE
Staff Writer

The men's volleyball Knights' dream of winning the tournament was crushed as they lost all the matches they played over the weekend in Kingston.

"Considering the circumstances of what the team had to overcome in the loss of eight players and remain in the league, I feel the team did well in finishing fourth during the regular season and I was happy with their experience at this level," Ray Sarkis, the Knights' coach, said.

Despite the fact that three of their key players were injured, the Knights won two games 15-9 and 15-6 in a tough battle against Sir Sandford Fleming of Peterborough, and lost three other games 15-13, 15-7 and 16-14 in the best of three of five.

The Knights were ahead in the first game, but did not play hard enough to win. They were also ahead in the final and deciding game of the match by 13-7. However, Sir Sandford regained control of the serve and tied the game 13-13.

The Knights' chances of moving into the gold medal round were hurt when they were defeated 16-14.

NOT AGGRESSIVE

Ray said the Knights played well enough, but were not aggressive at the net in the fifth game. Marc Sigouin was the top offensive player of the match with seven kills, followed by Chris Curry with four kills.

Defensively, Brian McDonald stuffed seven opposing spikes, while Warren Currell added four. Curry and Steve Watton each had three blocks.

The Knights then played Cambrian College, Sudbury. They were defeated 15-9, 15-10 and 15-8 in three games.

The Knights were overpowered by Cambrian's offence and defence at the net. Ray said the Knights were only able to block two spikes in all three games.

"Offensively, Sigouin was the only spark as he picked up eight kills," Ray said. Watton, McDonald, Young and Jiles each added two spikes. Niagara led early in all three games, but Cambrian's strength at the net put a stop to the Knights' chances of winning.

With this loss, the Knights moved into bronze medal round where they played the second place Algonquin College of Ottawa from pool B.

The Knights fought hard and they should have at least won one game, but they still lost 15-9, 15-12 and 15-13 to Algonquin, Ray said.

The Knights moved ahead early in the third game, but again, they allowed Algonquin to bounce back and win the match.

Algonquin were awarded a bronze medal after defeating Canadore College of North Bay 3-1. The gold medal went to St. Lawrence who defeated Camdrian 3-0.

Ray said he was happy with the Knights' performance. He said they did well despite the fact that they lost eight players. The Knights' key players McDonald, Curry and Sigouin played with injuries in their last tournament.

B-Ball popular

Survey results tallied

Twenty-seven Niagara College students want the athletic department to reinstate varsity basketball at the college.

Their request came in a recent survey asking students about the kinds of intramural activities they would like to see introduced.

Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics, said he does not think 27 is a significant number to allow him to start basketball. He said if he can be pressured by other people to start basketball, he might consider starting it on an exhibition basis.

POOR PRACTICES

Niagara College basketball was cancelled two years ago, due to a lack of good attendance at practices.

Mr. Rylander said it was dropped because the department could not find a coach. Besides, basketball is time-consuming. Players could not devote their time to it because they had other commitments.

Among the 33 students responding to the survey, 21 were aware of the intramural activities offered by the college, while four were not; 19 were aware of the varsity activities, while six did not know anything about them.

Twenty-two students said they were not satisfied with the activities offered by the college and suggested that some of the facilities be improved. Only 13 said intramural programs satisfied their needs.

ICHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
Niagara	14	3	1	29
Penn St.	10	5	3	23
Conestoga	11	6	0	22
Erie C.C.	11	7	0	22
Buff St.	9	8	1	19
U. of B.	3	14	1	7
U. Roch.	1	16	0	2

PITCH IN

Sports

Rhegan follows big league

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

For Rhegan Favell, moving place to place was part of growing up as a pro-hockey player's daughter.

Born in St. Catharines, Rhegan, 19, moved to Philadelphia when she was only a month old. Her father, Doug Favell, had been playing for the Philadephia Flyers since the late 60s and finally found a house for his family to live in while he was on ice.

"I didn't understand why we had two houses, but I went along with it anyway,"Rhegan said.

Her father's forte was goaltending, and it consisted of fast reflexes and quick thinking. Mr. Favell even played hockey with a few of the all-time hockey legends like Guy Lafleur and Bobby Clark.

Traded

In the early 70s, the Favell family picked up and moved to Mississauga, Ont., because Rhegan's father had been traded and was going to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The family lived there for a short time until Mr. Favell was traded once again to the Colorado Rockies. The team is no longer in the league, Rhegan said.

However, no matter where they were, Rhegan admitted that she always thought of St. Catharines as home. She assumed this might be because her grandparents have always lived here, and during Christmas and summer holidays, her family would always return for a visit.

Rhegan, who studied interior design last year at the college, is now in her first year of law and security. She hopes to one day work for immigration out west or somewhere in the United States.

Sports-oriented

Rhegan's whole family is sports-oriented and she truly believes they would still have had their love for athletics even if her father hadn't played in the National Hockey League.

Her brother, who is 17, has been following in his father's footsteps since he was four or five, Rhegan said. Her grandfather played lacrosse and hockey as well.

Rhegan herself would have liked to play on a hockey team when she was younger, but there never was an opportunity. However, she did play third base on a softball team for 10 years.

"My dad always came to watch me play and I looked up to him for that," she said.

In 1980, the hockey star put his skates up to dry, and settled down wth his family in Denver, Col., until 1984 when he returned to St. Catharines and began his own car business.

But this did not mean the former NHL player would never again take down his skates, because he has recently coached the Thorold Blackhawks and now coaches the Buffalo Sabres' goaltenders.

Rhegan believes her father will never completely give up on hockey and she said she was "really, really proud of him."

RHEGAN FAVELL

Red Cross sets up shelter

About 30 people slept on mattresses on the auditorium floor at Sunset Haven the weekend of the big storm when the Red Cross offered shelter to people whose power had failed.

It was an emergency made real for Niagara College teacher Eugene Maltais, president of the Welland Red Cross society for just 1½ months.

He was called from City Hall Friday morning asking if the Red Cross would set up an emergency shelter.

"It was really unexpected because I didn't realize people were suffering," Mr. Maltais said.

Free coffee and sandwiches were provided, as well as daily meals.

"Most of the people came with very little because they didn't know how long they were going to be there," Mr. Maltais said. "They didn't even bring pyjamas or a change of clothes. On a couple of occasions I took them back home the next day to pick up clothes, money and special items they needed."

"It was quite an adventure for me," he said. "It helped me prepare for the next emergency." The crisis made him see the need for "a strong emergency program in place. You have no time to organize; you've got to be ready all the time."

Social From Page One

of people."

Mrs. Bird welcomed an attempt to protect clients, but said this proposal has no mention of clients.

As it stands now, there is no public protection for clients. "Anyone can hang their shingle up over the door and call themselves a social worker."

But she said the proposed legislation, far from protecting clients, is just protecting a title, protecting people with bachelor's and master's degrees in social work.

Right now, college graduates are doing work that university graduates won't do, but there is room for all levels, she said. In this region alone, there is a four-to-one ratio of college grads to university grads.

Career From Page One

Mrs. Barna is hoping teachers will take their classes to the exhibition as some exhibitors have expressed an interest in talking with faculty as well as students.

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